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**THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA
TO THE FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

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*So the churches were strengthened in the faith,
and they increased in numbers daily. Acts 16:5*

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MNA Calling and Vision: Strengthening the Church to Serve, Grow, Multiply.

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MNA exists to celebrate and share the gospel of Jesus Christ in the United States and Canada by coming alongside the local and regional church in church planting, church renewal and missional partnerships, with the goal of strengthening them to **serve, grow, and multiply**. At MNA, we submit and commit all that we do in prayer for a great advance of the gospel throughout North America, so that the PCA will be *called a house of prayer for all the nations* (Mark 11:17). *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.* (Psalm 127:1)

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MNA Thanksgiving: Please join with me in rejoicing in God’s gracious provision for MNA, as we not only saw major funding pass through our stewardship for designated gifts to support church planting, disaster response, chaplain ministries, and other efforts in mission and renewal, but we also finished 2019 with a surplus in the MNA General Fund. The MNA General Fund supports and undergirds all MNA does in the field. Developing sufficient income for the General Fund, most of which is provided through PCA church giving in response to the Ministry Ask continues to be one of our greatest challenges. We praise God for his provision of sufficient support again in 2019. Thanks be to God!

MNA Church Planting Resources: While reorganizing MNA Staff and Ministries within the above themes, MNA will continue to coordinate church planting services in the seven phases of the church planting ecosystem:

- Developing and recruiting church planters and church planting teams (**Develop and Recruit**)
- Assessing church planter candidates and their spouses (**Assess**)
- Training and assisting church planters in their fundraising (**Fundraise**)
- Seeking God’s guidance in placing the church planter (**Placement**)
- Providing church planter training (**Train**)
- Supporting and encouraging the church planter through coaching and mentoring (**Coach and Mentor**)
- Celebration and Renewal, reflecting on God’s great work thus far and looking to him for greater works in the future. (**Celebrate and Renew**)

In the early days of the PCA, MNA focused primarily on welcoming churches transferring into the PCA from other denominations. In its next generation, MNA assumed direct responsibility for providing in a centralized fashion the services required for the seven phases of church planting ecosystems. In recent years, MNA has moved steadily toward a resourcing and training role as churches and presbyteries assume a growing ownership and have achieved ever-greater skills in developing local and regional ecosystems for church planting.

1 God has blessed the PCA with a strong sense of calling to church planting. **2019 saw God’s**
2 **blessing in sending 38 church planters to the field to begin a new mission church in the**
3 **United States or Canada (See Attachment 1 for the list of the church planters placed in**
4 **2019).** While this is a good number for a denomination the size of the PCA, we trust God for
5 more. MNA continues to move toward an even greater focus on serving churches,
6 presbyteries, and networks in their development of local and regional church planting
7 ecosystems. As one of the core services that MNA provides, we continue offering MNA
8 Church Planter Assessment Centers and MNA Church Planter Readiness Seminars for those
9 who are still in training and not yet ordained. MNA is focused on catalyzing church planting
10 ecosystem development and health locally and regionally to catalyze the multiplication of
11 churches across the continent.
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13 **MNA 2019 Selected Highlights:**

- 14 • **Church planting and other ministry among minority people groups** saw good
15 advances through church planters and pastors added to the PCA among African American,
16 Hispanic, Korean American, Portuguese Language communities and Haitian Americans.
- 17 • **The PCA Unity Fund** awarded \$58,000.00 in scholarships to 18 non-ordination and 48
18 ordination minority candidates preparing for ordination or other ministry leadership in the
19 PCA.
- 20 • **English as a Second Language**, led by Director Nancy Booher, saw 34 New ESL
21 Ministries launched through 49 ESL Trainings. The trainings included more than 700
22 participants from 140 churches.
- 23 • **Engaging Disability Ministries**, led by Director Ashley Belknap, conducted numerous
24 workshops, webinars and consultations, and also developed curriculum content for
25 teaching and engaging with people with disabilities in the local church.
- 26 • **Metanoia Prison Ministries**, led by Director Mark Casson, a new mentoring ministry at
27 Phillips State Prison in Duluth GA and added 50 new in-prison mentors.
- 28 • **Ministry to State**, led by Director Chuck Garriott, added staff whose ministry focuses on
29 Washington DC, and expanded state capital ministry to six states.
- 30 • **MNA Disaster Response**, led by Director Arklie Hooten, continued the annual practice
31 of mobilizing thousands of volunteers to response to the needs of people experiencing
32 hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods. Warehouse service was expanded by opening a
33 new site in Dallas.
- 34 • **Chaplain Ministries.** See **Attachment 2** for the Chaplain Ministries annual report.
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36 For the full list of MNA Staff and Ministries, please visit our website, www.pcamna.org.
37 Please consider a gift to one of our ministries, to The PCA Unity Fund, or to the MNA General
38 Fund. To give online, go to www.pcamna.org and select the “Support MNA” tab. You may
39 also mail donations to: MNA, PO Box 890233, Charlotte NC 28289-0233.
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41 We at MNA ask your prayers for God’s leading and blessing in our ongoing commitment to
42 **Strengthening the Church to Serve, Grow, Multiply**, all flowing from the gospel. May the
43 gates of hell not stand against the advance of Christ’s church! May his kingdom come in
44 greater fullness! Amen.
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46 TE Paul Hahn
47 MNA Coordinator

1 **MNA Stewardship and Finances: 2019 Progress**

2 **A. Ministry Ask/Askings Giving:**

3 MNA was supported in 2019 by 1,025 churches giving \$3,038,790 and 2,465 individual
4 donors giving \$2,749,685. MNA requests that churches give the Ministry Ask of \$26 per
5 member, if giving on a *per capita* basis. If all churches gave \$26 per member, all projects
6 would be funded without individual fundraising by project leaders.

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8 MNA requests that churches give to all PCA Committees and Agencies at the Ministry
9 Ask level. Because many churches do not contribute at the Ministry Ask level, MNA
10 senior staff members seek designated support for their personal support and programs.
11 Churches have responded generously to these additional requests for support, providing
12 significantly greater resources for ministry. Contact MNA Associate Coordinator TE Fred
13 Marsh <fmarsh@pcanet.org or 404-307-8266> or MNA Church Relations Director RE
14 Stephen Lutz <slutz@pcanet.org or 828-242-1440> for further information on financial
15 support for MNA.

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17 **B. Church Planting Projects and Other Funding:**

- 18 • All church planters are supported by gifts designated for their particular projects.
19 • Church planters who do not have a strong personal PCA network require a special
20 priority for project support as we trust God for much greater ministry among the many
21 people groups of North America. MNA strongly encourages churches to give a high
22 priority to church planters who do not have a background in the PCA and who thus
23 lack a strong personal network through which to raise support.
24 • Five Million Fund for Church Buildings: providing interest-free loans of up to
25 \$100,000, this fund continues to be a helpful source for churches as they put together
26 funding packages for their initial building programs. This is a revolving fund,
27 supported by loan repayments, as well as by donations.

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29 **C. Thanksgiving Offering:** MNA is grateful to the Lord for more than \$50,100.00 given to
30 the 2019 Thanksgiving Offering, and commends to PCA churches the opportunity to
31 support, through the annual MNA Thanksgiving Offering, the training of men and women
32 for leadership in ministry among the ethnic groups of our communities.

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34 **Recommendations:**

- 35 1. That having reviewed the work of the MNA Coordinator during 2019 according to the
36 General Assembly guidelines, the MNA Committee commends TE Paul Hahn for his
37 excellent leadership, with thanks to the Lord for the good results in MNA Ministry during
38 2019 and recommends his re-election as MNA Coordinator for another year. Attachment
39 3 provides a complete list of MNA staff; see Attachment 4 for the list of MNA Permanent
40 Committee members.
41 2. That the General Assembly adopt the 2021 MNA Budget and commend it to the churches
42 for their support.
43 3. That the General Assembly adopt the 2019 MNA Audit.
44 4. That RE Captain Rick Owens, USN, (Ret), TE CH (Capt) Charles Howard Dey Jr., ANG,
45 and TE CH (LTC) James R. McCay, USA, (Ret) be appointed to serve as PCA members

- 1 of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Military Personnel
2 (PRCC) for the Class of 2024.
- 3 5. That **Overture 11** from Central Carolina Presbytery, “Concur with Catawba Valley
4 Presbytery Request to Change the Boundary Between the Catawba Valley Presbytery and
5 Central Carolina Presbytery,” to change the presbytery boundary in Mecklenburg County
6 so that Catawba Valley Presbytery includes “Mecklenburg north of Interstate 85,
7 excluding that portion within I-485 west of I-77 and Central Carolina Presbytery includes
8 “Mecklenburg south of Interstate 85, and that portion within I-485 west of I-77, with an
9 effective date of June 19, 2020 **be answered in the affirmative**. See Attachment 5.
- 10 6. That **Overture 13** from Mississippi Valley, “That the MNA Permanent Committee
11 Explore the Advisability of Endorsing Lifeline Children’s Services, as a possible resource
12 for PCA churches, **be answered in the affirmative**. See Attachment 6.
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Attachment 1

2019 CHURCH PLANTERS PLACED ON THE FIELD

This church planter list is compiled by MNA staff through contact with the presbyteries and attempts to identify every church planter who moved to the field prior to December 31, 2019. In listing these mission churches, MNA does not intend to imply that MNA had direct involvement with each and every mission church. The majority of the listed mission churches utilized MNA services; others were established solely by presbyteries or sponsoring churches. Teaching Elders assigned to a new site of a multi-congregation church are included in this list as church planters placed on the field. Some church planters listed here may have been placed in previous years but not reported at the time.

Presbytery	Last Name	First Name	Location
Arizona	Baysinger	JC	Queens Creek AZ
Arizona	Beach	Justin	Peoria AZ
Central Carolina	Hodge	Chris	Lake Wylie SC
Central Carolina	Johnston	Ralph	Sanford NC
Central Indiana	Doane	Keith	Noblesville IN
Covenant	Brewer	Hunter	Collierville TN
Covenant	Husband	Sam	Memphis TN
Great Lakes	Irvin	Joel	Elkhart IN
Eastern Canada	Chhauger	Michael	Ottawa ON
Eastern Carolina	Inman	Tim	Dunn NC
Georgia Foothills	Thompson	John	Lilburn GA
Hills and Plains	Johnson	Peter	Bartlesville OK
Hills and Plains	Shutt	Casey	Oklahoma City OK
Illiana	Rufener	Chris	Terre Haute IN
Iowa	Ferrell	Isaac	Cedar Rapids IA
Low Country	Francis	Nathan	Charleston SC
Low Country	Hamby	Rob	Charleston SC
Metro New York	Plant	David	Chelsea/New York City NY
Missouri	Williams	Thurman	St. Louis MO
Nashville	Tan	Timothy	Brentwood TN
New River	Hagar	Alan	Buckhannon WV
Northern California	Hong	Richard	Fremont CA
Northern California	Park	Soo Sang	Sunnydale CA
Ohio	Piteo	Jason	Cleveland OH
Pacific Northwest	Frey	Brian	Boise Idaho
Potomac	NuQuay	Abraham	Waldorf MD
Potomac	Sicks	Chris	Falls Church VA
Rocky Mountain	Weston	Brett	Centennial CO
Rocky Mountain	Wooten	Rob	Billings MT
Evangel	Garcia	Ronnie	La Travasia/San Juan Puerto Rico
Evangel	Garcia	Ronnie	Trinity/Dorado Puerto Rico

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1	*South Coast	Jones	Brad	Vista CA
2	Southern Louisiana	Bond	Harris	Monroe LA
3	SW Florida	Harris	Ben	Palm Bay FL
4	SW Florida	St. Germain	Dony	
5	Tidewater	Brock	Jimmy	Virginia Beach VA
6	Tidewater	Cartwright	Chris	Exmore VA
7	Wisconsin	Sinnard	Ben	Delafield WI

8 *Re-plant

9 **2019 New Multi-Site/Additional Church Sites Added**

10	Potomac	Yancey	Rob	Capital Presbyterian	Fairfax/Annadale VA
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Attachment 2

MNA CHAPLAIN MINISTRIES REPORT ON 2019 ACTIVITIES

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE: We are thankful for the generosity of God’s people as our 2019 operating expenses were covered with gifts from churches, presbyteries, individuals, and PRCC Denominations. We are also thankful for the generosity of MNA’s administration in managing databases, salaries, printing support, and much more. Their devotion and dedication has made a significant impact in empowering our Chaplain Ministry.

As of December 31, 2019, the PCA had a total of 213 endorsed chaplains (153 Military Chaplains and Seminary Candidates, and 60 Civilian Chaplains). The PCA continues to endorse military and civilian chaplains in a variety of settings including those of the additional 6 denominations in the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains (PRCC): Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC), Korean American Presbyterian Church (KAPC), Korean Presbyterian Church in America (KPCA), Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), The Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America (RPCNA), and the United Churches of North America (URCNA). I serve as the Endorser for these denominations as well as the PCA. The PRCC endorses and supports a total of 305 chaplains in all member denominations.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

June 2019 Chaplains Training Conference was hosted by Fort Worth Presbyterian Church. We had over 60 Chaplains and many spouses and children attend our annual training, which was led by Dr. Richard Pratt and Nancy Guthrie. It was an amazing time of study and spiritual renewal for our Chaplains and their family members.

Civilian Chaplain Population: We are blessed to see our Civilian Chaplain ministry continue to grow. Whether they be Hospital, Bureau of Prisons, Retirement, Hospice, or Corporate Chaplains, we are encouraged to see our gracious Lord growing this ministry and Teaching Elders entering this special calling.

Chaplain Recruitment: The goal in 2019 was to add 20 Chaplains or Chaplain Candidates and we were able to add 26 Chaplains to serve our Lord within the PRCC. We were blessed to end 2019 with the largest number of PCA and PRCC Chaplains & Candidates ever!

PRCC Staff: It is a blessing to serve with two other godly Teaching Elders and one godly Ruling Elder who make up the Chaplain Staff. TE Mack Griffith, TE Mike Stewart and RE Gary Hitzfeld are a true blessing and make this ministry so fulfilling. These men are outstanding servant leaders and make significant contributions to the pastoral care of our chaplains.

CHURCH AND PRESBYTERY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Congregational Sponsorship: It is our goal to enlist three sponsoring congregations for every full-time military and civilian chaplain. The primary purpose of the Sponsorship Program is

1 to enlist prayer support for the chaplain, his ministry, his family, and for those he serves. The
2 sponsoring chaplain, in turn, will provide at least three update reports per year with prayer
3 requests to the congregation or presbytery.
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5 Missions Conferences: More and more congregations are asking us to preach and speak at
6 numerous mission conferences, and this has been a blessing. Several of our chaplains have
7 also been invited to speak or preach. We encourage our ministers and congregations to ask
8 our chaplains to come and speak. The Chaplaincy is about fulfilling the Great Commission
9 and we deeply desire to spread the gospel of Christ.
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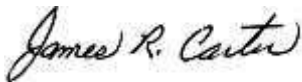
11 **PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYER FOR THESE CURRENT REQUESTS**

12 For Ministry Boldness: Pray that our Chaplains will continue to boldly represent our faith.
13 Our Chaplains have the First Amendment liberty to boldly proclaim the gospel and we are
14 thankful that they are standing firm. They are able to cooperate with other groups but without
15 compromise. Our Chaplains have an excellent reputation among their peers and leaders and
16 are superb at walking through the pluralistic minefields within the Chaplaincy. Just as Daniel
17 was able to navigate the waters in the Court of Darius, so our Chaplains navigate our secular
18 culture as they live for Christ and bring glory to His name. However, prayer is needed for
19 them to continue to do so.
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21 For Spiritual Strength: Please pray for our Chaplains as many are deploying; pray, too, for
22 family members left behind. Also, pray for our Civilian Chaplains who pour themselves out
23 in service to the King and face much pressure to conform to the spirit of the world.
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25 For Increased Giving: As our ministry grows and we expand our number of Chaplains, it is
26 critical that we increase our budget to sustain the pastoral care to our Chaplains. Our budget
27 needs to be above \$500,000 in order to properly care for this growing ministry. This will fund
28 our necessary travel and help us recruit more godly ministers to serve as Chaplains.
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30 For more information on ministry opportunities with the MNA Chaplain Ministries, please
31 contact TE James R. Carter at jcarter@pcanet.org or 954-850-2448 or RE Gary Hitzfeld at
32 chaplainministries@pcanet.org or 678-825-1251.
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34 TE. James R. Carter
35 MNA Chaplain Ministries Coordinator
36 Executive Director, Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains (PRCC)
37 www.prcc.co
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Attachment 3
MNA STAFF MEMBERS

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4	RE Mark Andrews	MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director North
5		Carolina
6	Don Baret	MNA Media Producer and English as a Second Language
7		(ESL) Assistant Director
8	Ashley Belknap	Engaging Disability Director
9	TE Renato Bernardes	Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches Coordinator
10	RE Jeb Bland	Native American and First Nations Ministries Coordinator
11	Denine Blevins	MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry, Executive
12		Director
13	Robert Blevins	Urban and Mercy Ministries Community Development
14		Ministry Director
15	Chris Bolton	MNA Operations Director
16	Nancy Booher	English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministries Director
17	TE Stephen Bostrom	Ministry to State, State Capitol Minister-Montana
18	TE Scott Bridges	The PCA Unity Fund Committee Development Coordinator
19	Kellie Brown	African American Ministries Operations Manager
20	TE Howard Brown	MNA African American Ministries Associate Coordinator
21	Cristina Caires	MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry Leader
22		Coaching and Care
23	TE Darcy Caires	Network of Portuguese Speaking Churches Associate
24		Coordinator
25	TE Jim Carter	Chaplain Ministries Director
26	RE Mark Casson	MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Director
27	TE Josh Charette	Rocky Mountain Native American Ministries Director
28	TE Jonathan Craig	Ministry to State, State Capitols Minister, Florida
29	Jamie Devins	MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry
30		Operations and Communications Director
31	Mary Frances Dunlap	Ministry to State Women’s Ministry Associate
32	TE Thomas Eddy	Ministry to State Associate Director, State Capitols
33	DE Andy Eisenbraun	MNA Disaster Response Specialist, Midwest Region
34	TE Del Farris	Ministry to State, State Capitols Minister, Colorado
35	TE Alan Foster	Church Planter Recruiting Director
36	TE Chuck Garriott	Ministry to State Director
37	Maria Garriott	MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry Resource
38		Coordinator
39	TE Chris Granberry	Northwest Native American Ministries Advisor
40	TE Mack Griffith	Chaplain Ministries Associate Director, Military
41		Chaplaincy
42	TE Paul Hahn	MNA Coordinator
43	Kristin Harnly	Engaging Disability Associate Director, Congregational
44		Ministry
45	TE Jim Hatch	Church Planter Development Director

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1	Pat Hatch	Refugee and Immigrant Ministry Director
2	Debbie Hatten	MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Operations Manager
3	DE Marty Huddleston	MNA Disaster Response Specialist, Logistics
4	RE Arklie Hooten	MNA Disaster Response and MNA ShortTerm Missions
5		Director
6	RE Alex Jun	Korean American Leadership Initiative (KALI) Coordinator
7	Sarah Kalichman	Refugee and Immigrant Ministry, Refugee Children's
8		Ministry Specialist
9	TE Brian Kelso	Leadership and Ministry Preparation (LAMP) Director
10	RE Mike Kennamer	MNA Disaster Response Specialist, TAG and MNA Disaster
11		Response Warehouse Director
12	TE Taekwon Kim	MNA Korean Ministries Associate Coordinator and Gospel
13		Director
14	TE Michael Langer	Ministry to State Associate Director
15	TE Moses Lee	Korean American Leadership Initiative (KALI)
16		Communications Director
17	TE Owen Lee	Korean American Leadership Initiative (KALI) Operations
18		Director
19	DE Rick Lenz	MNA Disaster Response Specialist, South Central
20	RE Stephen Lutz	Church Relations Director
21	RE Patrick Maddox	MNA SecondCareer Regional Specialist, Mid-Atlantic
22	TE Fred Marsh	MNA Associate Coordinator
23	TE Tim McCracken	MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director, San
24		Joaquin Valley
25	TE Paul Miller	MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director, North
26		Texas
27	TE Curt Moore	MNA ShortTerm Missions Specialist
28	TE Randy Nabors	Urban and Mercy Ministries Coordinator
29	RE Gregg Noll	MNA SecondCareer RV Specialist
30	DE Keith Perry	MNA Disaster Response Specialist, Florida
31	TE Wy Plummer	African American Ministries Coordinator
32	Tami Resch	MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry Program
33		Director, Founder
34	TE Anthony Rogers	MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director, South
35		Carolina
36	TE Hernando Sáenz	Hispanic Ministries Coordinator
37	TE Dony St. Germain	Haitian American Ministries Coordinator
38	TE Chris Sicks	Urban and Mercy Ministries Mercy Conferences Facilitator
39	TE Bill Sim	MNA Korean Ministries Coordinator
40	RE Evan Scroggs	MNA Disaster Response Specialist, Gulf Coast
41	RE Barry Smith	MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Regional Director,
42		Tennessee
43	TE Michael Stewart	Chaplain Ministries Associate Director, Civilian
44		Chaplaincy
45	William Stockdale	Ministry to State Ministry Associate

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1 TE Darin Stone Ministry to State, State Capitol Minister – North Carolina
2 TE Doug Swagerty MNA California Regional Associate
3 Shari Thomas MNA Parakaleo Church Planting Spouses Ministry, Founder
4 TE Vinny Tauriello MNA Northeast Regional Associate
5 Joel Wallace Engaging Disability Associate Director, Ministry
6 Development
7 TE Chris Vogel MNA Church Planter Apprentices Director
8 DE Mark Willett MNA Disaster Response Specialist, Mid-Atlantic
9 TE David Wilson Bent Tree Fellowship Executive Director
10 TE Ron Zeigler Ministry to State, State Capitol Minister - Pennsylvania

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12 **MNA Support Staff**

13 Laura Ammons MNA Disaster Response Administrative Assistant, Volunteer
14 Scheduling
15 Shirley Cano-Tai Assistant Accounting Manager, Donor Services
16 Sara Drexler Urban and Mercy Ministries Assistant
17 Stefanie Dunnington Church Planting Administrative Assistant
18 Cheryl Erb Engaging Disability Assistant
19 Michelle Foster Accounting Manager
20 Karen Fowler Accounting Assistant, Donor Services
21 John Franco Accounting Assistant, Financial Services
22 Jill Gamez Assistant Accounting Manager, Church Planting Services
23 Mary Ellen Garofalo Church Planting Assessment Center Administrator
24 Stephanie Glander Assistant Accounting Manager, Financial Services
25 Lisa Hellier MNA Disaster Response Administrative Assistant
26 RE Gary Hitzfeld MNA Chaplain Ministries Administrative Assistant
27 Steven Howell Metanoia Prison Ministries Mentor Ministry Facilitator
28 Kristin Holliday Accounting Assistant, Financial Services
29 Tracy Lane-Hall Business Executive Assistant
30 Sherry Lanier MNA Disaster Response and MNA ShortTerm Missions
31 Facilitator
32 Shelly Marshall MNA Metanoia Prison Ministries Correspondence Course
33 Facilitator
34 Karen Swartz Electronic Communications Assistant

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38 **MNA RECOMMENDED MINISTRIES**

39 RE Jimmy Hughes McGowan and Associates, Business Development
40 TE Ted Powers Midwest Alliance Director
41 Ann Powers Midwest Alliance Administrator

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Attachment 4

MNA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TE Thurman Williams, Chairman

TE Bob Sawyer, Vice-Chairman

RE Gene Betts, Secretary

RE Brent Andersen

TE Blake Altman

TE Bob Cargo

TE Lyle Caswell

RE Keith Goben

RE Bob Howell

TE Murray Lee

RE Ed McDougall

RE Tim Murr

TE Jon Price

RE Bob Sawyer

TE Alex Shipman

TE Bob Willetts

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3 **OVERTURE 8** from Catawba Valley Presbytery (to MNA)

4 Title: “Change the Presbytery Boundary Between the Catawba Valley
5 Presbytery and the Central Carolina Presbytery”
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7 **Whereas**, on January 22, 2011, the Central Carolina Presbytery formed a new presbytery, the
8 Catawba Valley Presbytery, from the northwest portion of Central Carolina Presbytery
9 which comprised the following North Carolina counties: Mecklenburg north of
10 Interstate 85, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, and Rowan; and
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12 **Whereas**, at the time of its formation, the Catawba Valley Presbytery had 18 churches and
13 one mission church, with a total of 2,460 communing members; and
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15 **Whereas**, the Catawba Valley Presbytery now has 16 churches and one mission church, with
16 a total of approximately 2,800 communing members; and
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18 **Whereas**, one of the churches in the newly formed Catawba Valley Presbytery in 2011 was
19 Freedom Presbyterian Church, located at 1646 Toddville Road, Charlotte, North
20 Carolina; and
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22 **Whereas**, Freedom Presbyterian Church withdrew from the PCA in June of 2017; and
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24 **Whereas**, Freedom Presbyterian Church voted to rejoin the PCA as a Mission Church of the
25 Catawba Valley Presbytery on August 25, 2019; and
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27 **Whereas**, Freedom Presbyterian Church was accepted as a Mission Church by the Catawba
28 Valley Presbytery and was appointed a Temporary Governing Commission on
29 September 24, 2019; and
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31 **Whereas**, Freedom Presbyterian Church currently has less than 35 active members and is
32 located in a community of changing demographics that is expected to experience rapid
33 growth over the next decade; and
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35 **Whereas**, to become a particular church once again, Freedom Presbyterian Church will
36 require a church renewal plan and permanent full-time leadership with a vision to
37 minister to its multicultural community residents; and
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39 **Whereas**, since the Presbytery was divided in 2011, the Central Carolina Presbytery has
40 planted two minority-led churches and is actively engaged in planning for one
41 additional minority-led church plant; and
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43 **Whereas**, on November 7, 2019, the Missions Committee of the Central Carolina Presbytery
44 presented a *Church Renewal and Replant Plan* for Freedom Presbyterian Church to
45 the Freedom Temporary Governing Commission; and

1 **Whereas**, that *Church Renewal and Replant Plan* includes the hiring of a church planter using
2 external funding for the first three years, over half of which is already committed; and
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4 **Whereas**, on November 7, 2019, the Freedom Temporary Governing Commission voted
5 unanimously to accept that *Church Renewal and Replant Plan*; and
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7 **Whereas**, it is believed that minority-led church plants are best able to plant other minority-
8 led church plants, provided they have the appropriate financial resources; and
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10 **Whereas**, the Freedom Presbyterian Church Temporary Governing Commission and the
11 Missions Committees of both Presbyteries believe Freedom Presbyterian Church can
12 best be renewed and replanted through the guidance of certain pastors of minority-led
13 churches in the Central Carolina Presbytery who have church renewal and church
14 planting experience, with those men becoming members of the Temporary Governing
15 Commission; and
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17 **Whereas**, the PCA *BCO* does not specifically provide that men from one presbytery can serve
18 as members of a Temporary Governing Commission of another presbytery; and
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20 **Whereas**, the Missions Committees of both presbyteries believe the presbytery boundary in
21 Mecklenburg County should be changed to move Freedom Presbyterian Church into
22 the Central Carolina Presbytery so that men who pastor minority-led churches in that
23 Presbytery and who have church planting and church renewal experience will be
24 eligible to become members of the Temporary Governing Commission; and
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26 **Whereas**, the proposed boundary change below would bring Freedom Presbyterian Church
27 into the Central Carolina Presbytery but would not impact any other church in the
28 Catawba Valley Presbytery; and
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30 **Whereas**, the proposed presbytery boundary change below would result in greater opportunity
31 for regional cohesiveness and shared ministries between Freedom Presbyterian Church
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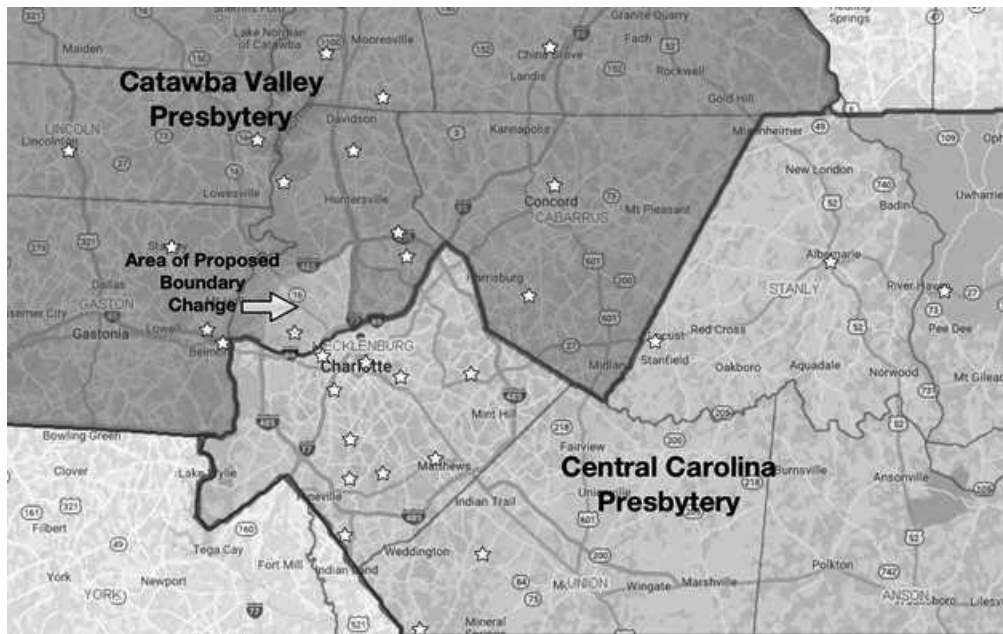
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8 date of June 19, 2020.
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15 *Adopted by Catawba Valley Presbytery at its stated meeting, January 25, 2020*

16 *Attested by /s/ TE Kevin Burrell, stated clerk*



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Churches in Catawba Valley Presbytery
16 Churches; 1 Mission Church

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Back Creek Presbyterian Church
2145 Back Creek Church Road
Mount Ulla, NC 28125
(704) 278 -2798
www.backcreekpca.com
Pastor: Bill Thrailkill

Christ Church at Rivers Edge
901 East Catawba Avenue
PO Box 821
Belmont, NC 28012-0821
(704)461-8614
email contact: eastbelmont@gmail.com
Pastor: Ray Krontorad

First Presbyterian Church
512 Old Mt. Holly Road
Stanley, NC 28164
(704) 263-4275
www.fpcstanley.org
Email: info@fpcstanley.org
Pastor: Steve Jessen

Goshen Presbyterian Church
380 Woodlawn Avenue
Belmont, NC 28012-2138
(704) 601-5146
www.goshenpca.com/
Pastor: James Almond

Grace Church
2007 Stallings Road
Harrisburg, NC 28075
(704) 455-9312
www.graceharrisburg.org
Pastor: Rev. Doug Agnew

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
3710 North Center Street
Hickory, NC 28601
(828) 345-0345
www.gcpc.org
Pastor: Rev. Mike Gordon

Harbor Church PCA
Meeting Address:
433 Williamson Road
Mooresville, NC 28117
(704) 662-6540
www.harborchurch.org
Pastor: Rev. Michael D. Colvard

Harvest Church
707 Lithia Inn Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092-8786
(704) 732-9978
www.harvestpca.net
Pastor:

Lakeshore Church PCA
8083 Hope Drive
Denver, NC 28037
(704) 483-3265
www.lakeshorepca.org
Pastor: Ken Cross

McBrayer Springs Church
Meeting Address:
602 Stevens Street
China Grove, NC 28023
(704)-857-3211
www.mcbrayersspringspca.org
Pastor: William Troutman

New Hope Presbyterian Church
602 Stevens Street
China Grove, NC 28023
(704) 857-3211
new-hope-pca.com
Pastor: James Byers

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NorthCross Church
Meeting Address:
11020 – H Bailey Road
Cornelius, NC 28031
(704) 929.0955
www.northcrosschurch.com
Pastor: Sid Druen

Prosperity Presbyterian Church
5533 Prosperity Church Road
Charlotte, NC 28269
(704) 875-1182
www.prosperitychurch.org
Pastor: Bruce Brown

Providence Presbyterian Church
246 Branchview Drive NE
Concord, NC 28025
(704) 788-8999
<http://www.ppcnet.net/>
Pastor: Mark Weathers

Shearer Presbyterian Church
684 Presbyterian Road
Mooresville, NC 28115
(704) 892-8866
www.shearerpca.com
Pastor: Stephen Stout

OVERTURE 11 from Central Carolina Presbytery (to MNA)
Title: “Change Boundaries of Central Carolina Presbytery”

Whereas, on January 22, 2011, the Central Carolina Presbytery formed a new presbytery, the Catawba Valley Presbytery, from the northwest portion of Central Carolina Presbytery which comprised the following North Carolina counties: Mecklenburg north of Interstate 85, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Rowan; and

Whereas, at the time of its formation, the Catawba Valley Presbytery had 18 churches and one mission church, with a total of 2,460 communing members; and

Whereas, the Catawba Valley Presbytery now has 16 churches and one mission church, with a total of approximately 2,800 communing members; and

Whereas, one of the churches in the newly formed Catawba Valley Presbytery in 2011 was Freedom Presbyterian Church, located at 1646 Toddville Road, Charlotte, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Freedom Presbyterian Church withdrew from the PCA in June of 2017; and

Whereas, Freedom Presbyterian Church voted to rejoin the PCA as a Mission Church of the Catawba Valley Presbytery on August 25, 2019; and

Whereas, Freedom Presbyterian Church was accepted as a Mission Church by the Catawba Valley Presbytery and was appointed a Temporary Governing Commission on September 24, 2019; and

Whereas, Freedom Presbyterian Church currently has less than 35 active members and is located in a community of changing demographics that is expected to experience rapid growth over the next decade; and

Whereas, to become a particular church once again, Freedom Presbyterian Church will require a church renewal plan and permanent full-time leadership with a vision to minister to its multicultural community residents; and

Whereas, since the Presbytery was divided in 2011, the Central Carolina Presbytery has planted two minority-led churches and is actively engaged in planning for one additional minority-led church plant; and

Whereas, on November 7, 2019, the Missions Committee of the Central Carolina Presbytery presented a *Church Renewal and Replant Plan* for Freedom Presbyterian Church to the Freedom Temporary Governing Commission; and

Whereas, that *Church Renewal and Replant Plan* includes the hiring of a church planter using external funding for the first three years, over half of which is already committed; and

Whereas, on November 7, 2019, the Freedom Temporary Governing Commission voted unanimously to accept that *Church Renewal and Replant Plan*; and

Whereas, it is believed that minority-led church plants are best able to plant other minority-led church plants, provided they have the appropriate financial resources; and

Whereas, the Freedom Presbyterian Church Temporary Governing Commission and the Missions Committees of both Presbyteries believe Freedom Presbyterian Church can best be renewed and replanted through the guidance of certain pastors of minority-led churches in the Central Carolina Presbytery who have church renewal and church planting experience, with those men becoming members of the Temporary Governing Commission; and

Whereas, the PCA BCO does not specifically provide that men from one presbytery can serve as members of a Temporary Governing Commission of another presbytery; and

Whereas, the Missions Committees of both presbyteries believe the presbytery boundary in Mecklenburg County should be changed to move Freedom Presbyterian Church into the Central Carolina Presbytery so that men who pastor minority-led churches in that Presbytery and who have church planting and church renewal experience will be eligible to become members of the Temporary Governing Commission; and

Whereas, the proposed boundary change below would bring Freedom Presbyterian Church into the Central Carolina Presbytery but would not impact any other church in the Catawba Valley Presbytery; and

Whereas, the proposed presbytery boundary change below would result in greater opportunity for regional cohesiveness and shared ministries between Freedom Presbyterian Church and certain minority-led Central Carolina Presbytery churches in adjacent multicultural communities; and

Whereas, the existing presbytery boundary divides contiguous African American neighborhoods in Charlotte, which is believed to be an impediment to minority church planting; and

Whereas, bringing the northwest quadrant of Charlotte (inside I-485) into the Central Carolina Presbytery would give African American led churches in the Central Carolina Presbytery the opportunity for additional church plants in that part of the city, something they have an interest in doing; and

Whereas, the boundary change continues the practice of using interstate highways to define the presbytery boundary in Mecklenburg County, and

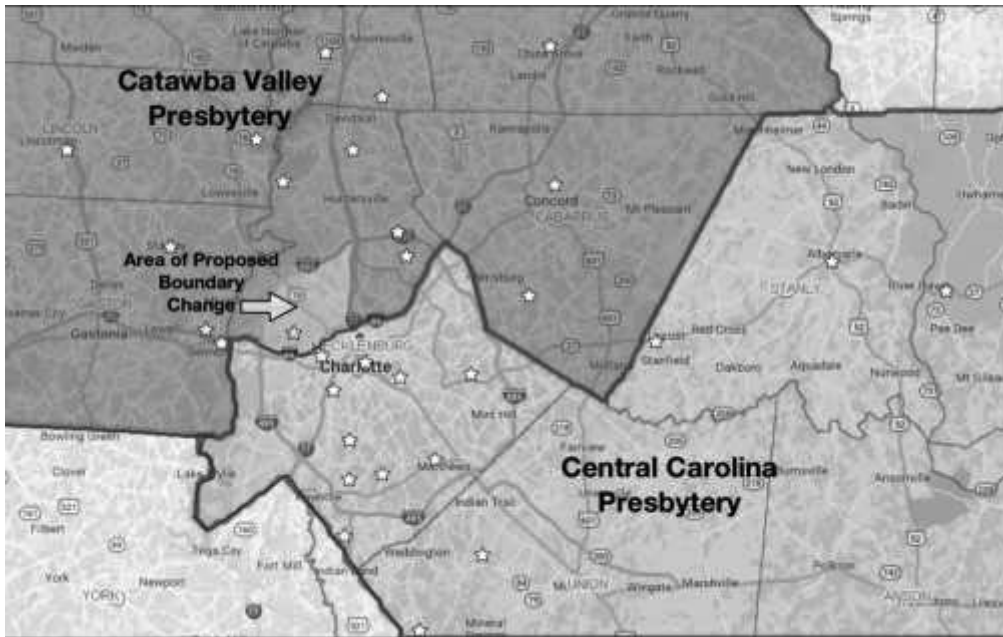
Therefore, be it resolved that Central Carolina Presbytery hereby overtures the 48th General Assembly to:

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2. To permit Teaching Elders who reside in affected area on the effective date to choose which presbytery in which they desire membership. If a choice is not made by 90 days after the effective date, they will remain on the roll of Catawba Valley Presbytery.

Adopted by Central Carolina Presbytery at its stated meeting, February 22, 2020

Attested by /s/ RE Flynt Jones, stated clerk



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Churches in Central Carolina Presbytery
18 Churches and 7 Mission Churches

Second Street Presbyterian
105 East Hearne Street
Albemarle NC 28001
(704) 982-6824
Pastor: John Black

430 S. McPherson Church Road
Fayetteville NC 28303
(910) 864-4031
Pastor: Andrew Webb

Carolina Presbyterian
406 Renee Ford Road
Locust NC 28097
(704) 888-4435
Pastor: David Yaran

Cross Park Church
6406 Carmel Road, Suite 308
Charlotte NC 28226
(980) 285-7020
Pastor: Jeffrey Hardy

Christ Central Church
Meet: 3646 Central Avenue
Charlotte NC 28205
(704) 608-9146
Pastor: Howard Brown

East Charlotte Presbyterian
PO Box 691315
Charlotte ND 28227
(704) 502-3030
Pastor: Tyler Dirks

Christ Covenant Church
800 Fullwood Lane
Matthews NC 28105
(704) 847-3505
Pastor: Kevin DeYoung

First Presbyterian
PO Box 116
Ellerbe, NC 28338-0116
(910) 652-5231
Pastor: Stanley Layton

Church of the Redeemer
PO Box 3365
Monroe NC 28111
(704) 225-0161
Pastor: Adam Mumpower

Freedom Presbyterian (Mission)
1646 Toddville Road
Charlotte NC 28214
(704) 394-8525
Pastor: Julian Bacon

Covenant Presbyterian
217 Midway Road
Rockingham NC 28379
(910) 817-9556
Pastor: Michael Moreau

Gospel Church
Schwablweg 20
Grassbrunn Germany
0151-4662-8536
Pastor: Steffen Mueller

Cross Covenant Chinese Church
800 Fullwood Lane
Matthews NC 28105
(765) 276-7743
Pastor: Allen Chen
Cross Creek Presbyterian

Grace Presbyterian
PO Box 79
Waxhaw NC 28173
(704) 491-4812
Pastor: Daniel Vinson

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Hope Community Church
2813 Coltsgate Road #200
Charlotte NC 28211
(704) 521-1033
Pastor: Mark E. Upton

Lake Tillery Church
PO Box 384
Mount Gilead NC 27306
(910) 639-0324
Pastor: Charles McAulay

Mount Carmel Presbyterian
PO Box 195
Norman NC 28367
Pastor: James Watson

Norman Presbyterian
PO Box 39
Norman NC 28367
(919) 770-2431
Pastor: Jack Bowling

Providence Presbyterian
PO Box 8158
Fayetteville NC 28311
(910) 630-1215
Pastor: Andrew Webb

Redeemer Church
211 Trimble Plant Road
Southern Pines NC 28387
(910) 528-7349
Pastor: John Kinyon

Sanford Mission
5721 Quail Ridge Drive
Sanford NC
(770) 530-2714
Pastor: Ralph Johnston

South Charlotte Presbyterian
PO Box 49324
Charlotte NC 28277
(704) 312-5163
Pastor: W. Dean Faulkner

Sovereign Grace Presbyterian
3326 Archdale Drive
Charlotte NC 28210
(704) 553-9600
Pastor: William B. Barclay

Uptown Church PCA
926 Elizabeth Avenue #200
Charlotte NC 28204

West Charlotte Church
PO Box 667654
Charlotte NC 28266-7654
(980) 277-4304
Pastor: Charles A. McKnight

ATTACHMENT 6

OVERTURE 13 from Mississippi Valley Presbytery
“Endorse Lifeline Children’s Services”

(to MNA)

Whereas the Presbyterian Church in America has responded to sanctity of life issues through its work and actions not only in thesis but in deed; and

Whereas the PCA has a deep concern for not only opposing abortion but in providing positive alternatives to abortion for those women who experience unwanted pregnancies; and

Whereas one avenue of implementing alternatives was in the endorsement of Bethany Christian Services for the past several decades; and

Whereas BCS did not pursue the endorsement of the PCA at the 47th GA; and

Whereas there is value for PCA churches in knowing who the denomination endorses in ministering to women in distress; and

Whereas there is currently a ministry in place available to provide assistance for these situations; and

Whereas Lifeline Children’s Services is such a ministry which was birthed out of the ministry of Briarwood Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, Alabama, in 1983;

Be it therefore resolved that the MNA Permanent Committee explore the advisability of endorsing Lifeline Children’s Services as a possible resource for PCA churches.

*Adopted by The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at its stated meeting, February 4, 2020
Attested by /s/ TE Roger G. Collins, stated clerk*